

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants: Naoki NISHIURA et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Date: September 16, 2011

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449-PLG are being brought to the attention of the Examiner without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art, or without any admission that they contain subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Please note that three foreign references, JP-A-10-182820, JP-A-2003-277502, and JP-A-2001-142313, which were cited in the Japanese Office Action submitted herewith, were previously cited and submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement on October 31, 2006 in the present application.

In a telephone interview with Examiner Shane Fang on September 16, 2011, the Examiner advised the undersigned that the prosecution in this application has been reopened in response to the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed June 6, 2011, where the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 was withdrawn. Applicants believe that the reopening of the prosecution in this application is the same as the initial filing of the application for the submission of IDS purposes. Therefore, it is not believed that any fees are due at this time. If any fees are due it is respectfully requested that any such fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449-PLG and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed references have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,  
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